

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 155

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mrs. Geraldean Person and Senator Curtis Person upon Senator Person's receipt of the Humane Legislator Award for 2003-2004.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Curtis Person is one such estimable legislator who ever strives to enact legislation that will improve the quality of life for both his fellow citizens and their companion animals; and

WHEREAS, a steadfast supporter of animal protection throughout his tenure in the General Assembly, Senator Person has been justly awarded the Humane Legislator Award for 2003-2004 by the Humane Society of the United States in recognition of his exceptional leadership in policymaking in the animal welfare domain; and

WHEREAS, one of just ten state legislators nationwide to receive this prestigious award, Senator Person was specifically recognized for his efforts in shepherding Senate Bill 3209, which adds serious neglect to the animal cruelty code, into law in the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Senator Person's laudable efforts to codify basic anti-cruelty principles benefit not only the animals protected by Senate Bill 3209, but also the citizens of Tennessee whose community standards now reflect genuine compassion and humanity; and

WHEREAS, the future of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication and leadership of

estimable individuals like Geraldean Person and Senator Curtis Person who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Mrs. Geraldean Person and Senator Curtis Person upon Senator Person's receipt of the Humane Legislator Award for 2003-2004, thank them for their ceaseless efforts to improve the quality of life in Tennessee for both humans and their companion animals, and commend them for their countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Shelby County and Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.